

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Seth Berglee, on March 15, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Seth Berglee, Chair (R)
Rep. Jeff Essmann, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Amanda Curtis (D)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jessica Riffel, Committee Secretary
Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 159, 3/13/2017
Executive Action: HB 66, HB 134, SB 103, SB 115, SB 159

HEARING ON SB 159**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:40 Sen. Mark Blasdel (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SB 159, Revise laws related to community colleges and bonding.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:27 Ed Bartlett, Flathead Valley Community College, Miles Community College, Dawson Community College
00:04:30 Rep. B. Bennett joined the meeting
00:07:27 Mark Baker, Kalispell Chamber of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:08:45 Rep. Essmann
00:10:06 Sen. Blasdel
00:10:14 Rep. Essmann
00:10:52 Mark Baker, Kalispell Chamber of Commerce
00:12:35 Rep. Schreiner
00:12:56 Mark Baker, Kalispell Chamber of Commerce
00:13:03 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
00:14:54 Mark Baker, Kalispell Chamber of Commerce
00:15:19 Rep. Webber
00:15:32 Ed Bartlett, Flathead Valley Community College, Miles Community College, Dawson Community College

Closing by Sponsor:

00:16:35 Sen. Blasdel

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 134

00:19:58 **Motion:** Rep. Essmann moved that **HB 134 DO PASS.**

00:20:17 **Motion:** Rep. Essmann moved that **HB 134 BE AMENDED.**
[**EXHIBIT\(edh54a01\)**](#)

Discussion:

00:20:33 Rep. Essmann
00:22:26 Chair Berglee
00:22:47 Rep. Essmann
00:23:31 Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:24:08 Rep. Funk
00:24:33 Rep. Essmann
00:24:52 Chair Berglee
[**EXHIBIT\(edh54a02\)**](#)

00:25:41 Rep. P. Webb

00:26:01 Laura Sankey Keip, LSD

00:26:47 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Beard, Rep. Curtis and Rep. G. Hertz voted by proxy.

00:27:35 **Motion:** Rep. Essmann moved that **HB 134 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:28:35 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

00:29:02 Rep. Essmann

00:29:35 Rep. Schreiner

00:30:19 Chair Berglee

00:30:36 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Beard, Rep. Curtis and Rep. G. Hertz voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 66

00:32:34 **Motion:** Rep. Essmann moved that **HB 66 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:32:42 Chair Berglee

00:33:12 **Motion:** Rep. Essmann moved that **HB 66 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(edh54a03)

Discussion:

00:33:26 Rep. Essmann

00:33:59 Laura Sankey Keip, LSD

00:34:43 Rep. Vinton

00:35:02 Rep. Funk

00:35:41 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Beard, Rep. Curtis and Rep. G. Hertz voted by proxy.

00:36:30 **Motion:** Rep. Essmann moved that **HB 66 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(edh54a04)

Discussion:

00:36:49 Laura Sankey Keip, LSD

00:38:05 Rep. Essmann

00:38:18 Laura Sankey Keip, LSD

00:38:38 Chair Berglee

00:39:00 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Beard, Rep. Curtis and Rep. G. Hertz voted by proxy.

00:39:28 **Motion:** Rep. Essmann moved that **HB 66 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(edh54a05)

Discussion:

00:39:41 Laura Sankey Keip, LSD

00:40:17 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Beard, Rep. Curtis and Rep. G. Hertz voted by proxy.

00:40:42 **Motion:** Rep. Essmann moved to **PASS CONSIDERATION ON HB 66 UNTIL MONDAY FEBRUARY 20TH.** Motion was without objection.

00:41:20 Rep. Schreiner

00:41:27 Chair Berglee

00:41:40 Rep. Schreiner

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 115

00:42:56 **Motion:** Rep. Essmann moved that **SB 115 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:43:25 Rep. Vinton

00:44:16 Rep. Anderson

00:44:53 Rep. Vinton

00:45:16 Rep. Funk

00:46:08 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-3 by voice vote with Rep. Beard, Rep. Sheldon-Galloway and Rep. Staffanson voting no. Rep. Beard, Rep. Curtis and Rep. G. Hertz voted by proxy. Rep. Vinton will carry the bill.

00:47:23 Chair Berglee

[EXHIBIT\(edh54a06\)](#)

00:50:04 Rep. Essmann

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 103

00:51:51 **Motion:** Rep. Essmann moved that **SB 103 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:52:12 Rep. Essmann

00:52:34 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Beard, Rep. Curtis and Rep. G. Hertz voted by proxy. Rep. Sheldon-Galloway will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 159

00:53:49 **Motion:** Rep. Essmann moved that **SB 159 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:53:56 Rep. Essmann

00:54:25 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Beard, Rep. Curtis and
Rep. G. Hertz voted by proxy. Rep. Garner will carry the bill.

00:54:47 Rep. Staffanson

00:55:45 Rep. Essmann

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 00:56:03

Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([edh54aad.pdf](#))